

What is claimed is:

1. A method for accounting, comprising:
executing accounting transactions; and
creating and storing posting lines based upon the accounting transactions.
2. The method for accounting according to claim 1, further comprising:
displaying the posting lines before the posting lines are posted.
3. The method for accounting according to claim 1, further comprising:
correcting the transactions before the posting lines are posted.
4. The method for accounting according to claim 1, further comprising:
correcting the posting lines before the posting lines are posted.
5. The method for accounting according to claim 1, further comprising:
consolidating a plurality of posting lines.

6. The method for accounting according to claim 1, further comprising:

modifying accounting transaction amounts without the need to refer back to previous accounting transaction amounts.

7. The method for accounting according to claim 1, further comprising:

posting the posting lines online or offline.

8. The method for accounting according to claim 1, further comprising:

determining whether to create posting lines based on the accounting transactions.

9. A method for accounting, comprising:

performing accounting transactions;

storing the outcome of processing the accounting transactions in a single catalog for accounting updates; and

verifying the outcome of processing the accounting transactions before the accounting transactions are posted to budget and/or accounting files.

10. The method for accounting according to claim 9, further comprising:

modifying the accounting transactions before the transactions are posted.

11. The method for accounting according to claim 9, further comprising:

modifying accounting transaction amounts without the need to refer back to previous accounting transaction amounts.

12. The method for accounting according to claim 9, further comprising:

updating the catalog online or offline.

13. The method for accounting according to claim 9, further comprising:

determining whether to store the outcome based on the accounting transactions.

14. A method for altering the behavior of an accounting system, comprising:

modifying table-based rules controlling posting lines in real-time without the need for recompilation of source code controlling the accounting system.

15. A computer implemented accounting system, comprising:
a rules processing unit for executing accounting transactions;
a posting line generation unit for creating posting lines based upon the transactions; and

a posting line catalog for storing the posting lines.

16. A computer implemented accounting system, comprising:

an engine for entering accounting transactions;
a posting line generation unit for creating posting lines based upon the transactions; and
a posting line archive unit for archiving the posting lines.

17. A computer implemented accounting system, comprising:
a plurality of database units storing user-modifiable rules for controlling posting line generation in real-time without the need for recompilation of source code controlling the accounting system.

18. A posting line data-structure, comprising:
a posting line identifier;
accounting line information;
referencing information;
offsetting information;
status flags;
chart of accounts;
amounts and dates; and
an internal identifier.

19. A method for accounting, comprising:
splitting a posting line having an amount into a plurality of separate posting lines each having separate amounts, wherein the sum of the separate amounts equals the amount of the posting line before splitting.

20. A method for accounting, comprising:

creating and storing posting lines based upon executed accounting transactions;
creating budget and/or accounting files based on the posting lines; and
recreating budget and/or accounting files based on the posting lines.

21. The method for accounting according to claim 20, wherein the accounting files are journal files.

22. The method for accounting according to claim 20, wherein the accounting files are application files.